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#### PREVENTABLE FIRES.

Appropos of Fire Prevention Week there is the case of the Indiana farmer whose \$5,000 barn burned to the ground as the machiner was finishing a livestock sale which did not total \$5,000.

Need anyone be told that a careless smoker in the crowd at the sale dropped a cigar butt in the barn? Barns are not subject to fires from defective flues or furnace pipes. They go up in smoke like tinder if a smoker is careless.

Among the major factors in America's most preventable losses by fire are the unsafe flue, which may be seen in use in any American city during the course of a street car ride; carelessly protected furnace pipes, defective electric wiring and carelessly handled cigarettes and cigar stubs.

Every one knows the losses by fire which could be prevented by due pre-

caution. They are reflected directly in high rates for fire insurance. They are reflected less obviously, but as surely, in commodity prices. Every business must take care of its overhead expense and insurance against fire is an unavoidable expense.

Construction, from the fire underwriters' point of view, is notoriously bad in American cities and in rural America. Wood buildings, shingle roofs, tile flues contribute enormously to the preventable waste of human labor and building materials. But the careless smoker costs the ultimate consumer of all commodities far more than the loss occasioned by the traditional cow which kicked the lantern over and started the great Chicago fire.

Two minor American cities, Wilmington, Del., and Wilkes-Barre, have laws under which there are no wooden construction is permitted. Possibly there are a few others. Possibly but not probably, there are American cities in which ordinances looking to fire prevention are really rigidly enforced. There is no city, no town, no hamlet, in which the burning cigar or cigarette butt is not handled carelessly. The careless smoker is in the minority, no doubt, yet he is carried by the consumers of commodities at a cost of millions a year. Everybody contributes to the cost of his nonchalant habit of flicking the burning butt aside without considering its potentialities.

"Stockyard laborers wearing \$18 shirts want more money." Nothing needs to be understood. An established rate of living makes inexorable demands.

That a United States mail plane was wrecked attempting to land in a cornfield near Chicago will give

you an idea of the tremendousness of the Illinois corn crop this year. Each ear is like a heavy projectile.

Of course, Georgia might have done worse. Might, for example, have dispensed of Tom Watson's opponents by lynching.

The Attorney General has fined sundry sugar profiteers. But he hasn't fined 'em enough or maybe not enough of 'em. Sugar still isn't a bargain.

#### WOMAN AVERTS "L" WRECK.

Telephones Warning Of Spiked Switch In Time To Save Train.

New York, Sept. 14.—A warning by telephone from a woman living near the tracks of the Fulton street elevated line, in Brooklyn, today probably averted the most serious accident of the series which have marked the present strike of employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company.

The woman phoned police headquarters that she had seen men tampering with the tracks of the elevated. Detectives sent to investigate found that a spike had been driven between the switching points of the outer track in such a way that the next express train might have been derailed and thrown to the street. The express train was flagged by the detectives just before it reached the spiked switch.

Eight passengers on a Brooklyn Rapid Transit surface car were seriously injured and two of them probably will die as the result of an accident today. The men were hanging on the running board of the car when a truck crashed into it.

#### BABY NURSES JUG OF BOOZE IN 10 DAYS, FATHER SWEARS

Hammond, Ind., Sept. 14.—Mike Dragoll has a baby which will be a husky woman some day. Since May, Mike says, she has consumed at least two jugs of moonshine, besides getting an occasional nip from her mother's private bottle of kimmel.

Mike has a little store on Dearborn street, Hammond, and today the police dropped in for the third or fourth time this year because people had reported he was selling liquor. A jug with about two lots of moonshine in it was found under the counter. The wife's kimmel bottle also was discovered.

In police court this morning Mike insisted that he always kept some liquor on hand for the baby and that his wife had her own stock. Officer Singer reminded him of finding the jug empty only a short time ago when he visited the store.

This piled on the baby the responsibility of drinking a jug of liquor in about ten days. Judge Ketz was plainly skeptical. He decided Mike should pay \$100 and costs.

#### 15 SHOTS KILL ELEPHANT.

Three Rounds From Five Rifles Needed to Fend Mad Beast.

Salin, Kans., Sept. 14.—It required three rounds from five army rifles here today to kill "Snyder," a trained elephant belonging to a circus showing here. The animal had gone mad just as the circus was about to open and hundreds of persons were massed about the animal tent.

Before being killed the elephant upset many cages containing other animals and threw one cage, containing four lions, 20 feet. The afternoon circus performance had to be abandoned. The elephant was valued at \$10,000.

#### WOMAN LEFT TO DROWN SAVED BY PHILA. GIRL

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 14.—Deserted by the man with whom she had been bathing when they were swept into deep water, a young woman who refused to give her name, is believed to be from Wilmington, was saved from drowning late last

evening by the coolness and bravery of Miss Madeline Schenadell, of Philadelphia, who is spending the summer here.

The young woman and her male escort were bathing in the water at the foot of Tennessee avenue when they were swept beyond their depth. The man was a strong swimmer, but instead of helping his companion struck out for shore. The young woman's cries for help were heard by Miss Schenadell, who at once went to her assistance. She is a good swimmer and held her up.

Lifeguards Hughes and Eble brought them both ashore.

#### MAYOR WEAKER

AS END NEARS

London, Sept. 14.—Terence McSwiney, the hunger-striking Lord Mayor of Cork, was alive and retained unimpaired mental faculties last night as he completed his thirty-second day without food.

He was so weak, however, that his wife, who was at his side practically all day, did not speak to him. She feared the exertion would be put to

in listening or an attempt of his to talk to her might prove fatal.

The slowly dying man gained some rest during the night and early in the morning was able to utter a few words. He complained of a growing feeling of numbness.

#### GREAT FACTORY

TO MAKE SILK

A gigantic artificial silk factory will soon be erected in the United States by a corporation having an initial capital of \$5,000,000, it was announced by the Department of Commerce yesterday. A Belgian process of manufacture will be used. Neither the identity of the company nor the location of the proposed plant was revealed.

At no time since the war has the supply of artificial silk been equal to the demand. It was stated. The United States imported 2,251,927 pounds valued at \$8,690,952, during the fiscal year 1920, but produced only a negligible amount.

One Belgian company with half its equipment destroyed by the war cleared two million francs in four months in 1919, it was stated.

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\$1.65

\$1.50

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